

**REMARKS**

In view of the following remarks it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 12-16 are pending in the present application.

**Specification**

The Office Action requests that the Specification be revised to a preferred layout and requires that the spacing of the lines be adjusted to 1 ½ or double spaced on good quality paper. Applicants respectfully submit that the Substitute Specification as filed with the Preliminary Amendment dated July 14, 2006 was in proper form and had a line spacing of 1 ½. For the Examiner's convenience, attached hereto is a copy of the Substitute Specification on good quality paper.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,652,780 ("Stoll").

Stoll describes a process for oxidizing iron ions contained within iron-doped lithium niobate. The process includes protonating the iron niobate crystal, pressurizing the crystal and then, while under pressure, heating the pressure to approximately 950°C at a rate not to exceed 50°C per minute. See Abstract.

